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2019-20 GLENBOW SCHOOL COUNCIL General Meeting

June 10, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. | RVS Zoom

Attendees: Fraser Montgomery, Neil Comba, Alison Warnock, Amanda Heninger, Robyn Chubaty, Melissa Evans, Melinda Birmingham, James Foran, Brittany de Winter, Fiona Gilbert

1. Call to order - @ 7:02pm by Alison
2. Discussion standards and protocols agreed upon
 - a. Alison discussed the standards and protocols for using Zoom
3. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Alison welcomed everyone and introductions were made
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved by Robyn, seconded by Melinda
5. Minutes from Previous Meeting – May 13, 2020
 - a) Review
 - b) Business Arising from Previous Meeting
 - c) Approval - approved by Brittany, seconded by Amanda
6. Rocky View School Division updates – Fiona Gilbert
 - a. See attached report
 - b. May 26/27 RVS would start refunding bus fees – if parents don't see a refund by the end of the week reach out to RVS transportation department
7. Glenbow Updates from Administration - Fraser
 - a. See attached report
8. Current Business Items to be discussed
 - a. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Spoke about options available during the pandemic to show the staff our appreciation. Fraser reminded us that we showed our appreciation during the student-led conferences by providing meals for the staff
 - ii. Robyn asked if the staff were going to meet together face to face in the near future and if we could bring coffee or something similar for them. Fraser isn't sure if that will happen but will let Alison know if it happens.
 - b. Boo Hoo Tea



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- i. It was decided that we would do the same as last year if possible under the new restrictions

9. FOG Update

- a. Recipe Book Update - Alison read Laura's report
 - i. They aren't getting the number of recipes that they wanted so FOG will possibly keep it open over the summer
 - ii. Melinda suggested having the info sent out in weekly learning plans by teachers to remind parents - also with clearer direction about what FOG wants submitted with recipes

10. Confirm Immediate Action Plan items

- a. Alison talk with Laura regarding recipe book suggestions made by those in attendance

11. Round table – Any additional items that need to be addressed? – All

12. Motion to Adjourn – @ 7:41pm by Alison, seconded by Amanda

Next Meeting: School Council AGM – Wednesday September 9, 2020 @ TBD

Glenbow School Council Trustees Report June 2020

Budget and Program Priorities Consultation Update – Phase 2 Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the budget survey throughout February and March. Highlights of the second survey results included: finding savings through reducing Education Centre service levels and staffing costs; reducing costs associated with the Board of Trustees; implementing a school supply fee for K – Gr. 4; increasing fees or charging fees for field trips, optional courses and extracurricular activities; implementing a technology fee for students; and increasing transportation fees.

School Fees



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At their May 14, 2020, Board Meeting, Trustees approved a schedule of school fees for 2020/21. In an effort to reduce financial pressure on families, schools were directed to:

- not increase existing course fees
- refrain from implementing new school wide fees,
- eliminate Christian and French Immersion program fees, with exception of Prince of Peace
- abstain from introducing new or increased fees for programs like the Farm or Building Futures
- not subsidize extracurricular, field trip or non-curricular travel with other school funds
- eliminate any fees related to lunch supervision.

2020/21 Transportation Fees Approved

Despite a five per cent increase to transportation grant revenues over the next two years, effective September 2020 fees will rise from \$308 to \$375 for riders attending their designated school or school of choice to help offset the continued escalation of fuel, operator and other inflationary costs.

RVS 2020/2021 Budget

The Board approved its 2020/21 budget, May 21, 2020, targeting Board budget priorities of direct classroom funding to maximize student success, providing school-based supports for students with complex needs, wellness supports and literacy/numeracy skill development.

Anticipating RVS' student population will increase by 857 students next year (3.9 per cent), with operational funding from government to rise by 1.4 per cent, the Board will redirect funds and use \$1.3 million in operational reserves to support classroom instruction, limit fee increases to parents and balance the budget.

School Re-Entry

Government has informed school boards to prepare for three scenarios for September: normal operations, school partially opening, and at home learning continues. RVS will be informed by August 1st which scenario will be in place for September. Work is ongoing across the province and within RVS as to the protocols and expectations within each of these scenarios.

Feedback from Joint Board School Council meeting on Re-entry Planning

On May 27th, the Board hosted a joint board school council meeting to share information and gather feedback from parents on re-entry planning. Themes gathered from parents during this engagement are as follows:

- Desire that when schools re-open, to return to "as normal as possible" to reduce fear and anxiety in children, and to not restrict movement and activity while at school.



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- Concern around the use of PPE, particularly masks, for younger students and students with special needs as masks will likely not be effective.
- Recognition that physical distancing is not a realistic expectation of students, nor achievable in schools with high utilization rates.
- Consideration that if schools are not able to resume in class learning, that online learning become more robust and that requirements for learning increase. Also, that online learning remain an option for students who are not able to return to school due to health concerns
- Acknowledgment that supporting student mental health, as well as increased learning and awareness around good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, should be a priority.

Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) recently released the results of their survey on re-entry planning. They can be found at <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/school-re-entry-survey-results>

Glenbow Admin Report – June 10, 2020

1. We are awaiting direction from Alberta Education in terms of what re-entry will look like for us in the fall. By August 1, we should know which one of the three scenarios we will be using for re-entry.
2. Last week of regular weekly learning plans will be the week of June 15 (next week). For the week of June 22, a weekly learning plan will be sent out by grade teams with an activity-based focus. Part of this focus will be an activity surrounding the Brett Binder Walk and Run.
3. With the addition of new students next school year, we welcome Marie Grenon to Glenbow School next year. Ms. Grenon was recently on secondment with Alberta Education for two years. Prior to that, she was a teacher at Manachaban School in Rocky View for a number of years.
4. Classrooms have been thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom. A huge thanks goes out to our Head Building Operator, Bev Ireton and her crew for doing such an amazing job. On that note, with the influx of new students next year, there have been some teachers who have been moved to different classrooms.



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5. This year, report cards will be sent home electronically on Friday, June 26. For those students with Student Success Plans (SSP), they will be sent home in an individual e-mail the same day.
6. The office is in the process of library book collection this week. Families whose children have books signed out in their name have been asked to drop of books here at the school in a bin provided out the school front doors.
7. Families who have borrowed computers will be asked to hand those back in the week of June 22.